

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**FORMAL SESSION
January 5, 2004**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 10:00 a.m., January 5, 2004, in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman, District 1; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman, District 3; Don Stapley, District 2, Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney.

INVOCATION

Ronald Johnson, Executive Director, Arizona Catholic Conference, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carl Kunasek, former Chairman of the Corporation Commission, President of the Arizona Senate and father of Supervisor Andy Kunasek, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REMARKS BY 2003 CHAIRMAN FULTON BROCK

Chairman Brock called the meeting to order and offered the following remarks:

"To my elected colleagues, you bring a wealth of experience and management oversight to the citizens of Maricopa County. I thank each of you for your support of me in my Chairmanship of this past year. In the last seven to eight years, Maricopa County has rebounded from being one of the worst run counties in America to being awarded the number one county in the United States. Along the way, we have kept public safety, quality of life concerns, and our courts a high priority. In the past year, I have focused my leadership on the following areas:

1. Public Safety/ Youth Crime Reduction Program
2. The creation of a Citizens Academy for Government Awareness.
3. Participation with local governments in the Maricopa County Clean & Beautiful Program.
4. The financial situation of the Maricopa Integrated Health System and Maricopa Medical Center.
5. Public Relations Outreach

One of the first areas of focus was to further emphasize and reduce teen crime. I asked Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Judge Linda Scott, and Cheri Townsend, Director, Juvenile Probation Department, to chair this project. Our charge to them was to examine the successful teen crime reduction programs in counties or cities where they have been nationally recognized. One of their goals was to reduce recidivism rates among teens as well as emphasizing crime reduction in those areas. The new Regional Crime Prevention Council has discussed including the full spectrum of juveniles including early childhood problem behaviors. The council recognizes the numerous successful efforts already in place as they look for new ways to reduce teen crime. To date, the council has been awarded a grant to start a new pilot program dealing with juvenile crime. Another objective in the past year was my intention to bring together the Office of the Arizona Secretary of State, Maricopa County Elections Department, and local governments to promote a new outreach program to increase voter participation and government awareness among adults and adolescents in our communities.

The program (Local Government Leadership) will focus on educating the adults and youth of our cities and towns about Maricopa County, local government, and the election process. A committee was created and chaired by the 2003 Vice-Chairman of the Board, Andy Kunasek and Superior Court Presiding Judge Colin Campbell.

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As Chairman this past year, I spoke to many of the high schools in my district about government issues and what we do at Maricopa County. We must all continue to work together within Maricopa County to lay the foundation for our future leaders in the democratic process.

My fourth goal for the year 2003 was to lead Maricopa County in a joint partnership with towns and cities to bring all residents and special interests together to literally help clean up Maricopa County. We are asked and challenged our cities to join us through their Parks Departments to create the Maricopa County Clean & Beautiful Initiative Project for one year. We asked this commission to focus on the litter that continues to accumulate in our cities, streets and parks. Supervisor Max Wilson has overseen this project in 2003 and I'm happy to report that over 12 miles of roadway were added in the adopt-a-mile program. Additionally, there were 20,600 hours spent on multiple cleanups in the areas surrounding our County parks.

I asked Supervisor Don Stapley to create and chair a Public Relations Committee and ask the committee to improve the logistics involved with communicating and getting our message out about the many great things that we're doing here at Maricopa County. Supervisor Stapley continues to work with our Public Information staff to better develop how we communicate with our residents.

The county health care system has continued to challenge our county both physically and fiscally. We created a Citizens Task Force on the County Health Care System who discussed and recommended to the Board of Supervisors what steps to take and why. I worked with the Board and our County Administrator to plan for a short and long term remedy at the Maricopa Medical Center. I thank all the legislators who helped us with the legislation and election process. I'm also grateful to the voters of Maricopa County who supported Proposition 414.

I would also like to briefly mention some other exciting and memorable accomplishments that occurred over the last year:

1. Combined Charitable Campaign – Another successful year.
2. Chandler JP Courts Building – Create a more efficient government and save taxpayer dollars.
3. Gov Docs – Bid awarded in December. Will allow citizens to customize our website for their use.
4. Kept employee insurance costs down again.
5. State retirement match 3.9% increase.
6. NACo – County is hosting the annual conference, a five-day event.
7. Human Services Campus – Groundbreaking in August, completion expected in early 2005.
8. Northeast Superior Courts – Construction will start in 2004, twelve superior courtrooms and four justice of the peace courts will be located there.
9. Fourth Avenue Jail – 99% complete.
10. Lower Buckeye Jail – The project is 97% complete.
11. Mesa Juvenile Detention: Groundbreaking will be held on January 6th.
12. MCSO Property & Evidence Building: The project is 40% complete and should be open in April.
13. Durango Juvenile Detention and Courts Facility: Completion is scheduled for April.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow elected officials for their leadership this past year. To Rick Romley, Helen Purcell, Joe Arpaio, Michael Jeanes, Sandra Dowling, Doug Todd, Kevin Ross and the Judges and other elected officials who serve at Maricopa County, thank you for a great year. I would also like to thank the outstanding work of our department directors and staff.

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Finally, at the start of my Chairmanship, I asked that a monument be established to memorialize those employees who have either dedicated themselves to Maricopa County by giving their life in the line of duty, given 30 years of service to the County, or who have developed extraordinary ideas for the betterment of the County. These pillars of honor were dedicated on December 22, 2003 and can be seen on the plaza outside the courthouse.

Again, to all the employees of Maricopa County, thank you for your dedicated public service during my chairmanship. (ADM725)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2004 AND PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Supervisor Wilson expressed his satisfaction in offering the motion to nominate Andy Kunasek as chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2004. His motion was seconded by Supervisor Stapley, and unanimously carried (5-0). (ADM600-001)

2004 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Chairman Kunasek thanked his fellow members for the honor of being elected Chairman for 2004. He thanked Supervisor Brock for his leadership during 2003 and presented him with a plaque as a token of the Board's esteem and appreciation. He commented, "Mr. Brock has been too modest in his assessment of his leadership last year. There is no question that Maricopa County faced many challenges during your chairmanship and, Fulton, you led this board and this county through them with the great finesse and diplomacy we've all come to expect and admire in you. I am grateful to you, and I know our fellow members and the county staff are grateful as well."

Chairman Kunasek addressed the assemblage: "This year will be as challenging as any other for this board. We have many issues to address including the transition of the Maricopa Integrated Health System; the constant strain to our criminal justice system; crime prevention; land use; trails; and the continuing budget crisis at the state level.

As we all know, last year the state more or less presented us with a bill for \$53M over two years – a kind of debt relief "contribution", if you want to call it that. I want to thank House Speaker Jake Flake and the other members at the legislature who know the difference between right and wrong. Without their support, Maricopa County and, more importantly its taxpayers, would have had their pockets picked for even more money.

I do not expect the state government to be in much better financial shape this year, and therefore, we must recognize as a board that we will continue to face fiscal challenges in FY 2004-2005. Our revenue growth is forecasted to improve modestly, along with the national and state economy, however, the County's costs for providing mandated services are projected to increase as well.

Keeping this in mind, the Board has already set conservative budget priorities and guidelines for the next budget. While we are not asking departments to submit budget reductions this year, we will not consider many new funding requests outside of issues related to our adult and juvenile jail programs.

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I've also asked the County Administrator, Senior Staff and the Office of Management and Budget to again seek out opportunities for spending reductions and streamlining of county functions. It is my intention that any savings we achieve will help us build a reserve to address employee compensation issues that have been largely put on hold for the past two years. Our employees are what make this government run, and run well. Maricopa County was not voted the best run county in the entire United States just because of good leadership. It's also the folks dealing with constituents one-on-one; the folks building and maintaining our roads; inspecting construction sites; giving immunizations; caring for lost pets; arresting and prosecuting criminals; curing the sick; and handling the millions of documents this government is responsible for.

Top amongst our priorities must be the smooth transition of the Maricopa Integrated Healthcare System to an independent district with an independently elected board of directors. The Board of Supervisors has already laid out a conceptual framework for how that transition will take place. Let me reiterate here the guiding principals by which I intend to lead this transition.

My fellow board members and I believe strongly that the Maricopa Integrated Health System in an essential thread in the fabric of the Valley community's healthcare network. We will continue to treat the turnover with the greatest of care and concern for the system's ability to operate without any decrease in service levels. Furthermore, I believe that it is our moral responsibility to support the system financially even after the new directors are installed until such time as the system can generate its own revenues. This is not, of course, a blank check, but recognition that the system will need our financial assistance during its first 6-months as an independent government.

For decades, every chairman has mentioned in his or her yearly address the ever-present problems of jail overcrowding and logjams in our criminal justice system. Building more jails and adding courts is an answer, but it is not the only answer. I am very proud of Maricopa County's ongoing efforts at crime prevention. The County Attorney, the Sheriff, and the courts have done a great deal to address prevention and recidivism. Recently we were selected as one of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention sites to implement Targeted Community Action Planning. As a chosen site by the federal government we will receive technical assistance free of charge by experts across the nation. Though targeted at the juvenile population, our action planning will include adults as well. I hope that we will be able to report more advances in crime prevention at this same time next year.

I also intend to look carefully at some of the health issues that have been brought to my attention.

One issue is mobile food vendors who have failed to obtain a mobile food vendor license. To combat this potential health problem, we will add additional employees to our mobile food vendor enforcement program immediately. We will also be adding additional resources to combat the mosquito problem this summer.

I don't believe that this entire year will be about challenges. I anticipate that we will have much to celebrate as well.

We are on track to completely retire our General Obligation Debt by July of this year. The lack of long-term debt will make Maricopa County unique among governments nationwide.

Along with Sheriff Arpaio we plan to open the new Madison Street Jail this year as well as part of the Human Services Campus and hopefully a downtown farmer's market. We also hope to have the entire Regional Trail alignment designated by the end of this year. As most of you know, this regional trail will be a complete trail surrounding the entire valley and linking Maricopa County's Regional Parks.

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I want to say one last thing about parks. Although it is a non-mandated service, our parks and recreation areas are some of the most important services we provide. I want to work hard this year to identify additional resources for our parks.

Again, this year will have many challenges and opportunities. There are some we've anticipated, some we cannot. I have great faith in this board, county staff, the other elected officials countywide and the citizens of Maricopa County. Together there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we work together." Thank you."
(ADM600)

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to the Chairman's Reception in the lobby of the Administration Building.

Andy Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board